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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in mid-Missouri, a rural area, and I work with courts who rely on the public to afford and have internet access to respond to registration for jury, etc. I also use DSL internet personally and can't afford to lose broadband service. Competition is crucial to keeping cost of services down. Please do not raise our costs - the pay scale in our region is low, and many who rely on broadband service will not be able to afford anything more. It angers me that so many "services" like banks, require we use internet to do business with them, or with hospitals to check our medical results, etc, yet we're forced to cancel our internet service because we can't afford it. How can we comply with the demands to be internet connected if we can't afford to keep it?

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